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In re Application of:

Alex D. Poon

Serial No.: 09/491,703

Filed: January 26, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
FACILITATING USER SELECTION OF AN
ITEM CATEGORY IN AN ONLINE AUCTION)

) Examiner: Not yet assigned

) Art Unit: Not yet assigned

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**Director's Office
Group 2700**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR PENDING APPLICATION[37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) / MPEP § 708.2, II]

Dear Sir:

This is a petition to advance the examination and processing of the above-identified patent application. This petition is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and MPEP § 708.2, II.

Applicant has become aware that there are products actually on the market and methods currently in use by others that infringe one or more of the claims currently pending in the present case. The inventor of the present invention has obtained documentation describing products and methods that, after a rigid comparison with the pending claims, unquestionably infringe one or more of the pending claims. In addition, the Applicant has caused to be made a careful and thorough search of the prior art in this case and/or has a thorough working knowledge of the prior art in this case. Applicant encloses herewith Form PTO-1449 listing references located by a search

of the prior art. Copies of the references are enclosed. Advanced examination and processing of this patent application is respectfully requested.

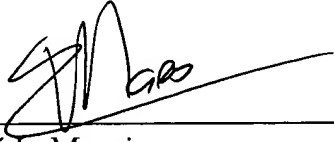
Applicant therefore respectfully requests that this Petition to Make Special be granted and that examination of the present application be advanced to the fullest extent possible.

The petition fee of \$130 is included herewith. If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the processing of this petition, the Examiner is invited to contact André L. Marais at (408) 720-3478.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Dated: 05/18/ 2000



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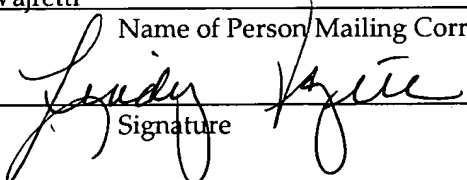
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1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Code	Fee (\$)	Code	Fee (\$)		
101	690	201	345	Utility application filing fee	_____
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107	480	207	240	Plant filing fee	_____
108	690	208	345	Reissue filing fee	_____
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

			Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	_____	- 20** =	_____	X _____	= _____
Independent Claims	_____	- 3** =	_____	X _____	= _____
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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Code	Fee (\$)	Code	Fee (\$)	
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	78	202	39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	130	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	78	209	39	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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- (b) The above applicant is a client of the Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP law firm;
- (c) A registered practitioner who is a member of the Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP law firm is an attorney or agent of record in the above application;
- (d) The undersigned continues to lawfully reside in the United States on a H-1B visa; and
- (e) The undersigned has been appointed as an associate attorney in the above application.


Accordingly, the undersigned meets all requirements for limited recognition under § 10.9(b), and is thus permitted to prosecute the above patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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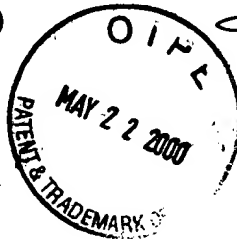
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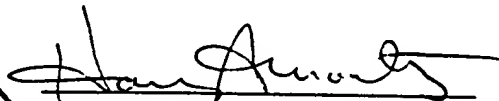
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